

REMARKS

The indication that claims 8 and 11 include allowable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, the subject matter of claim 8 has been moved to claim 1 and the subject matter of claim 11 has been moved to claim 9. Claims 3-8 and 11 have been canceled to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 2 and 10 were rejected under §112, second paragraph, and have been amended. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 9, 10 and 12 were rejected as anticipated by VEIGA 6,823,579. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested because independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 8 and 11.

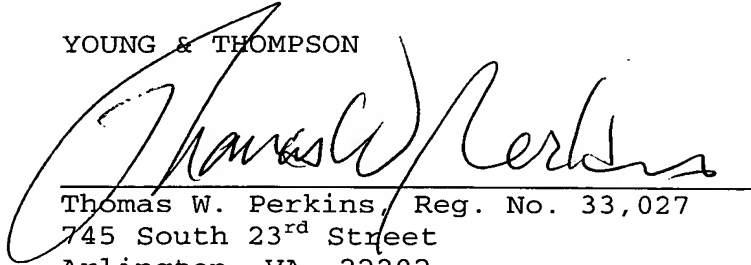
In view of the present amendment, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- executed Declaration and Power of Attorney